

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a semiconductor laser driving device using a voltage drive system, a drive current of a semiconductor laser is controlled by a drive current control circuit so that a light intensity of light beam
5 emitted from the semiconductor laser is equal to a predetermined light intensity. In a drive voltage control circuit, the drive voltage applied to the semiconductor laser at the time of switching off the semiconductor laser LD is set on the basis of the detected voltage (terminal voltage).